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YA Fiction



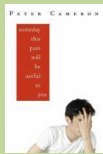
Sparks: The Epic, Completely True Blue, (almost) holy Quest for Debbie by S.J. Adams **YA F ADA**

A sixteen-year-old lesbian tries to get over a crush on her religious best friend by embarking on a "holy quest" with a couple of misfits who have invented a wacky, made-up faith called the Church of Blue.



I am J by Cris Beam **YA F BEA**

J, who feels like a boy mistakenly born as a girl, runs away from his best friend who has rejected him and the parents he thinks do not understand him when he finally decides that it is time to be who he really is.



Someday this Pain will be Useful to You by Peter Cameron **YA F CAM**

Eighteen-year-old James living in New York City with his older sister and divorced mother struggles to find a direction for his life.



Beautiful Music for Ugly Children by Kirstin Cronn-Mills **YA F CRO**

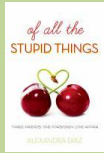
Gabe has always identified as a boy, but he was born with a girl's body. With his new public access radio show gaining in popularity, Gabe struggles with romance, friendships, and parents--all while trying to come out as transgendered. An audition for a station in Minneapolis looks like his ticket to a better life in the big city. But his entire future is threatened when several violent guys find out Gabe, the popular DJ, is also Elizabeth from school.



Happy Families by Tanita S. Davis

YA F DAV

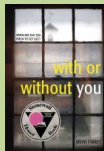
In alternating chapters, sixteen-year-old twins Ysabel and Justin share their conflicted feelings as they struggle to come to terms with their father's decision to dress as a woman.



Of all the Stupid Things by Alexandra Diaz

YA F DIA

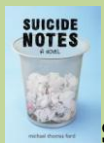
High schoolers Tara, an athlete, Whitney Blaire, a beauty, and Pinkie, a mother hen, face problems in various relationships but the most devastating occurs when Tara finds herself attracted to a girl Whitney Blaire hates.



With or Without You by Brian Farrey

YA F FAR

When eighteen-year-old best friends Evan and Davis of Madison, Wisconsin, join a community center group called "chasers" to gain acceptance and knowledge of gay history, there may be fatal consequences.



Suicide Notes by Michael Thomas Ford

YA F FOR

Brimming with sarcasm, fifteen-year-old Jeff describes his stay in a psychiatric ward after attempting to commit suicide.



Keesha's House by Helen Frost

YA F FRO

Seven teens facing such problems as pregnancy, closeted homosexuality, and abuse each describe in poetic forms what caused them to leave home and where they found home again.



The Difference Between You and Me by Madeleine George

YA F GEO

School outsider Jesse, a lesbian, is having secret trysts with Emily, the popular student council vice president, but when they find themselves on opposite sides of a major issue and Jesse becomes more involved with a student activist, they are forced to make a difficult decision.



Two Parties, One Tux, and a very Short Film About the Grapes of Wrath by Steven Goldman

YA F GOL

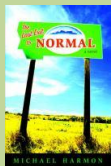
Mitch, a shy and awkward high school junior, negotiates the difficult social situations he encounters, both with girls and with his best friend David, after David reveals to him that he is gay.



Will Grayson, Will Grayson by John Green and David Levithan

YA F GRE

When two teens, one gay and one straight, meet accidentally and discover that they share the same name, their lives become intertwined as one begins dating the other's best friend, who produces a play revealing his relationship with them both.



Last Exit to Normal by Michael Harmon

YA F HAR

Yanked out of his city life and plunked down into a small Montana town with his father and his father's boyfriend, seventeen-year-old Ben, angry and resentful about the changed circumstances of his life, begins to notice that something is not quite right with the little boy next door and determines to do something about it.



Geography Club by Brent Hartinger

YA F HAR

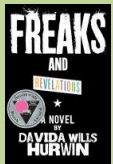
A group of gay and lesbian teenagers finds mutual support when they form the "Geography Club" at their high school.



Kiss the Morning Star by Elissa Janine Hoole

YA F HOO

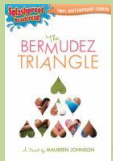
The summer after high school graduation and one year after her mother's tragic death, Anna and her long-time best friend Kat set out on a road trip across the country, armed with camping supplies and a copy of Jack Kerouac's Dharma Bums, determined to be open to anything that comes their way.



Freaks and Revelations by Davida Wills Hurwin

YA F HUR

Tells, in two voices, of events leading up to a 1980 incident in which fourteen-year-old Jason, a gay youth surviving on the streets as a prostitute, and seventeen-year-old Doug, a hate-filled punk rocker, have a fateful meeting in a Los Angeles alley.



The Bermudez Triangle by Maureen Johnson

YA F JOH

The friendship of three high school girls and their relationships with their friends and families are tested when two of them fall in love with each other.



Tips on Having a Gay (ex) Boyfriend by Carrie Jones

YA F JON

Belle, a high school junior, expects to marry her long-term boyfriend one day until he tells her and their entire small Maine town that he is gay, and both face prejudice and violence even as they enter new relationships and try to remain friends.



Ask the Passengers by A.S. King

YA F KIN

Astrid Jones copes with her small town's gossip and narrow-mindedness by staring at the sky and imagining that she's sending love to the passengers in the airplanes flying high over her backyard. Maybe they'll know what to do with it. Maybe it'll make them happy. Maybe they'll need it. Her mother doesn't want it, her father's always stoned, her perfect sister's too busy trying to fit in, and the people in her small town would never allow her to love the person she really wants to: another girl named Dee. There's no one Astrid feels she can talk to about this deep secret or the profound questions that she's trying to answer. But little does she know just how much sending her love--and asking the right questions--will affect the passengers' lives, and her own, for the better.



Absolutely, Positively Not by David LaRochelle

YA F LAR

Chronicles a teenage boy's humorous attempts to fit in at his Minnesota high school by becoming a macho, girl-loving, "Playboy" pinup-displaying heterosexual.



Absolute Brightness by James Lecesne

YA F LEC

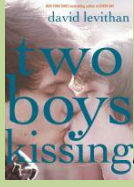
In the beach town of Neptune, New Jersey, Phoebe's life is changed irrevocably when her gay cousin moves into her house and soon goes missing.



When Love Comes to Town by Tom Lennon

YA F LEN

Neil Byrne, a teenager in Dublin, Ireland, in the 1990s, comes to terms with the fact that he is gay and seeks acceptance from his friends and family.



Two Boys Kissing by David Levithan

YA F LEV

A chorus of men who died of AIDS observes and yearns to help a cross-section of today's gay teens who navigate new love, long-term relationships, coming out, self-acceptance, and more in a society that has changed in many ways.



Wide Awake by David Levithan

YA F LEV

In the not-too-distant future, when a gay Jewish man is elected president of the United States, sixteen-year-old Duncan examines his feelings for his boyfriend, his political and religious beliefs, and tries to determine his rightful place in the world.



Gravity by Leanne Lieberman

YA F LIE

Afraid that there is no way to be both gay and orthodox Jewish, Ellie Gold feels forced to either alter her sexuality or leave her Jewish community until her mother and sister offer alternative concepts of God.



Marco Impossible by Hannah Moskowitz

YA F MOS

Two best friends and junior high students attempt to break into the high school prom so that one of them can confess his love for the adorable bass player of the prom band.



Kissing Kate by Lauren Myracle

YA F MYR

Sixteen-year-old Lissa's relationship with her best friend changes after they kiss at a party and Lissa does not know what to do, until she gets help from an unexpected new friend.



October Mourning: a Song for Matthew Shepard by Leslea Newman YA F NEW

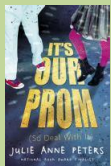
Relates, from various points of view, events from the night of October 6, 1998, when twenty-one-year-old Matthew Shepard, a gay college student, was lured out of a Wyoming bar, savagely beaten, tied to a fence, and left to die.



Far from Xanadu by Julie Anne Peters

YA F PET

In a small Kansas town, sixteen-year-old Mary-Elizabeth "Mike" Szabo tries to come to terms with her father's suicide and her own homosexuality.



It's Our Prom (so deal with it) by Julie Anne Peters

YA F PET

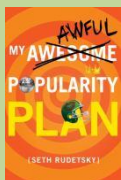
Told in separate voices, Azure, who is a lesbian, and Luke, who is bisexual, help plan an inclusive senior prom while Luke is writing and producing a musical about his life, both are working through the crush they have on their friend Radhika, and all three are dealing with problems at home.



She Loves You, She Loves You Not by Julie Anne Peters

YA F PET

When seventeen-year-old Alyssa is disowned by her father for being a lesbian, she's sent off to a small town in Colorado to live with the mother she's never known, where she's forced to come to terms with herself and her family.



My Awesome/Aweful Popularity Plan by Seth Rudetsky

YA F RUD

Chubby, Jewish, and gay high school sophomore Justin Goldblatt plans to become popular by the end of the year, but instead of dating the star quarterback he catches the eye of Becky, the quarterback's girlfriend, while his best friend, Spencer, stops speaking to him.



Way to Go by Tom Ryan

YA F RYA

Seventeen-year-old Danny feels like he has nothing figured out, not his future plans, not relationships, not even his own sexuality, but a visit from a cool city girl might change his summer and his entire life.



Boyfriends with Girlfriends by Alex Sanchez

YA F SAN

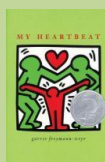
When Lance begins to date Sergio, who's bisexual, he's not sure that it'll work out, and when his best friend Allie, who has a boyfriend, meets Sergio's lesbian friend, she has unexpected feelings which she struggles to understand.



Stick by Andrew Smith

YA F SMI

Thirteen-year-old Stark "Stick" McClellan's brother has always defended him against those who tease him for his thinness and facial deformity, so when Bosten, having admitted he is gay, must leave home and their abusive parents, Stick sets out to find him.



My Heartbeat by Garrett Freymann Weyr

YA F WEY

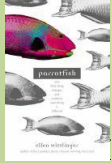
As she tries to understand the closeness between her older brother and his best friend, fourteen-year-old Ellen finds her relationship with each of them changing.



Love and Lies: Marisol's Story by Ellen Wittlinger

YA F WIT

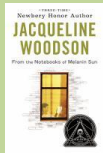
When Marisol, a self-confident eighteen-year-old lesbian, moves to Cambridge, Massachusetts to work and try to write a novel, she falls under the spell of her beautiful but deceitful writing teacher, while also befriending a shy, vulnerable girl from Indiana.



Parrotfish by Ellen Wittlinger

YA F WIT

Grady, a transgendered high school student, yearns for acceptance by his classmates and family as he struggles to adjust to his new identity as a male.



From the Notebooks of Melanin Sun by Jacqueline Woodson

YA F WOO

Almost-fourteen-year-old Melanin Sun's comfortable, quiet life is shattered when his mother reveals she's fallen in love with a woman.

YA Distractions



7 Days at the Hot Corner by Terry Trueman

Distractions YA F TRU

Varsity baseball player Scott Latimer struggles with his own prejudices and those of others when his best friend reveals that he is gay.

YA Thrill Ride



Hero by Perry Moore

Thrill Ride YA F MOO

Thom Creed is not your normal teenager. He has superhuman powers and he's gay. Joining an elite organization of superheroes his Dad was once a member of, opens up a new world for him and introduces him to a new 'brand' of superheroes, misfits who aspire to trust one another and to ultimately uncover a conspiracy within the League, leading each to come to terms with his or her own personal challenges.

YA True Love



Naomi and Ely's no Kiss List by Rachel Cohn and David Levithan

True Love YA F COH

Although they have been friends and neighbors all their lives, straight Naomi and gay Ely find their relationship severely strained during their freshman year at New York University.



My Most Excellent Year: A Novel of Love, Mary Poppins, and Fenway Park by Steve Kluger

True Love YA F KLU

Three teenagers in Boston narrate their experiences of a year of new friendships, first loves, and coming into their own.



Tale of Two Summers by Brian Sloan

True Love YA F SLO

Even though Hal is gay and Chuck is straight, the two fifteen-year-olds are best friends and set up a blog where Hal records his budding romance with a young Frenchman and Chuck falls for a summer theater camp diva.

Short Stories



Am I Blue?: Coming out from the Silence by Marion Dane Bauer

YA SS AMI

Sixteen short stories from well-known YA writers who have something meaningful to share about gay awareness & want to present positive, credible gay role models.



Grl2grl by Julie Anne Peters

YA SS GRL

Short stories that offer a portrayal of young women as they navigate the hurdles of relationships and sexual identity.



The Letter Q: Queer Writers' Notes to Their Younger Selves by Sarah Moon

YA SS LET

The Letter Q moves beyond the simple platitude of "it gets better" to tell a deeper and more personal story for each of its contributors. Each letter is like a tightly focused biography, where the writer reveals an aspect of his or her self that speaks to the heart of what's important to LGBT teens.



Speaking Out: LGBTQ Youth Stand UP by Steve Berman

YA SS SPE

Stories of overcoming adversity and experiencing life after coming out.

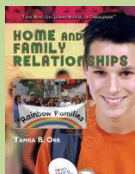
Non-fiction



GLBTQ: the Survival Guide for Queer and Questioning Teens by Kelly Huegel

YA 306.76 HUE

Describes the challenges faced by gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered teens, offers practical advice, real-life experiences, and accessible resources and support groups.



Home and Family Relationships by Tamra Orr

YA 306.76 ORR

Teaches GLBT teens how to maintain healthy familial relationships. Strategies for coming out to parents and siblings, and how to communicate with others, as well as how to understand and react to the emotions of others are also explored.



Life at School and in the Community by Richard Worth YA 306.76 WOR

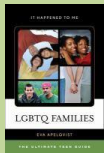
Strategies for coming out to ones friends, interacting with school personnel, and dealing with bullies. Advice is also given on how to organize groups such as gay-straight alliances.



Beyond Magenta: Transgender Teens Speak Out by Susan Kuklin

YA 306.768 KUK

Six teens tell what it is like for them to be members of the transgender community.



LGBTQ Families: the Ultimate Teen Guide by Eva Apelqvist YA 306.87 APE

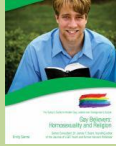
LGBTQ Families: The Ultimate Teen Guide focuses on the difficulties young people face as members of households in which one or more members are gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender. This book offers encouragement, insights, and resources to help them cope with and embrace the uniqueness of their family life.



Gays and Mental Health: Fighting Depression, Saying no to Suicide by Jaime A. Seba YA 616.89 SEB

Explores homosexuality in places outside the United States.

Blue Star Collection



Gay Believers: Homosexuality and Religion by Emily Sanna BS YA 200.866 SAN



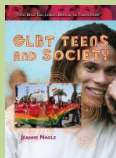
Queer: the Ultimate LGBT Guide for Teens by Kathy Belge BS YA 306.766 BEL

Teen life is hard enough with all of the pressures kids face, but for teens who are LGBT (gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender), it's even harder. When do you decide when to come out? And to whom? Will your friends accept you? And how on earth do you meet people to date?



What if? Answers to Questions about what it means to be Gay and Lesbian by Eric Marcus BS YA 306.766 MAR

An updated and revised informative, accessible guide to understanding and approaching the issue of sexual orientation. No question goes unanswered in this important book about being gay.



GLBT Teens and Society by Jeanne Nagle BS YA 306.766 NAG

GLBT issues such as same-sex marriage, Don't Ask Don't Tell, and hate crime legislation are at the forefront of American political discourse. This informative book investigates these topics, as well as many other issues facing the GLBT community. These hot-button topics are presented in an even-handed manner, allowing students to learn without the influence of media distortion and mixed messages.



Out with it: Gay and Straight Teens Write about Homosexuality by Youth Communication BS YA 306.766 OUT

Sensitive issues of teen sexuality, coming out, homophobia, and relationships with family and friends are explored in a dozen articles authored by teens. Updated with new stories.



Coming Out: Telling Family and Friends by Jaime A. Seba BS YA 306.766 SEB

What it means to come out -- Sarah's story -- Ed's story -- Providing support.



Gay and Lesbian Role Models by Jaime Seba

BS YA 306.766 SEB

Describes the importance of role models to gay and lesbian youth and introduces readers to some of the most admired gay and lesbian role models in sports, entertainment, and politics.



Gay Characters in Theatre, Movies, and Television: New Roles, New Attitudes by Jaime A. Seba

BS YA 791.436 SEB

Introduction -- The influence of entertainment -- Out on stage -- Out at the movies -- Out on the small screen.

Series



Rainbow by Alex Sanchez

YA SER RAI

Titles: Rainbow Boys, Rainbow High, Rainbow Road

First Book: Three high school seniors, a jock with a girlfriend and an alcoholic father, a closeted gay, and a flamboyant gay rights advocate, struggle with family issues, gay bashers, first sex, and conflicting feelings about each other.



Witch Eyes by Scott Tracey

YA SER WIT

Titles: Witch Eyes, Demon Eyes, Phantom Eyes

First Book: After a terrifying vision, Braden retreats to an old city divided by two feuding witch dynasties, where he learns that the head of one dynasty is his father and the guy for whom he is falling is the son of the head of the other dynasty.

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